

DPC meeting minutes
April 24, 2019

Senate Bill 7 – pass house and senate this year. Made it through last Thursday. Two changes from last year on the Senate side – added SCAT representative and House of Reps added (to address small town concerns, Connie Holland, Brook Scolletti agreed to suggested language to add to the By-Laws which will be need to be added anyway – 4 weeks public notice to allow local governments to discuss projections if necessary with their councils. Notice of DPC meetings shall be sent to local governments at least 4 weeks in advance of the meetings. Added appeals process. Bill takes Nov 1 2019. Gov hasn't signed bill. Part of a larger package Governor accountability act. Next step is to work on the by-laws.

Discussion – wording is cumbersome in suggested language for by-laws. The bill makes these projections a requirement that all public agencies need to use the DPC numbers.

The Legislators and towns are now more aware of the DPC which, is a good thing. The appeal process is a more formal one for discussion.

NCC would like to see a back up or designee/alternate set up in by-laws. Should we add terms of service in by-laws?

DPC will need to reach out to governmental entities to let them know about the DPC and for designees.

For appeals – should be included in draft process.

Majority of voting members – what's a majority/quorum? Need 10 members for majority.

Subcommittee for By - laws
Betsy Caufield - NCCo
Matthew Rogers - NCCo
Jim Galvin – Dover/Kent MPO
Colton Philles – DelDOT

CENSUS Update

Looking to gear up to hire

Devan Reed (devan.e.reed@census.gov – Regional Census Center (local point of contact). Established a Complete Count Committee at State Level. Executive of 23 – created OSPC etc, press release. NCC has put together one, Wilmington is looking. Purpose is to get the word out to participate in in census – children under 5, senior and millennials (18-25), Some advertising is being started. Some at the local level. LUCA is done. Next year is the final push for new construction. 2020.census.gov has all of the latest census info.

CCD updates and Dan's updates

Ed's discussion – Information analysis of data – births and deaths. Brandywine 100 – heavy baby boomer population decreasing HH size roughly 4,000 houses with 1 person in house. 350-400 units that will go empty in a given year – older housing stock – mixed bag – 6-7% vacancy rate. Single person household appears to have reached a peak – 85+ is a wedge of population. MOT differential in ACS data births, deaths and net migration and share of total amount in County – coming out of recession grew

rapidly. In migration and now it's slowing according to the data. 5 year ACS data tends to be 1 to 1 ½ lagged. Working on balancing HH data. Employment side for Sussex County still working on finding where people are leaving Sussex County to go to work— trip counter for 7 years – don't see any differential

Housing – still working on – differential of 15,000 housing units

People that retire into their seasonal homes in Sussex County. 3,500 migration annual. About 60% of migration into Sussex County is retirees.

NCC – still a fair amount of building permits for areas in approved subdivisions. 11,000 approved lots in MOT.